Closure of jute mills in Jharkhand and Bihar

†3553. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of jute mills especially in Jharkhand and Bihar have for long been closed down or lying on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the reasons for their closure; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for their revival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No Sir. The three jute mills (two in private sector and one in public sector) in Bihar are functioning. No jute mill is located in the State of Jharkhand.

(b)and(c) Does not arise.

Creation of debt restructuring fund for textile units

3554. SHRIMATIN. P. DURGA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether in a bid to enhance the confidence among leaders, the Ministry is seriously thinking of creation of debt re-structuring fund for the textile units;

(b) if so, the details of the debt restructuring fund; and

(c) the total investment made by banks and various other financial institutions in the textile sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. FATAL) : (a) and (b) Finance Minister in Union Budget 2003-04 proposals has announced that recognizing the need to prevent sickness in the textile industry, Government is considering a mechanism for restructuring the debt portfolios of viable and potentially viable textile units. The details will be decided in consultation with all the stakeholders.

(c)As per Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) report on Development Banking in India 1998-99,1999-2000 and 2000-2001, assistance made to textile industry by all financial institutions (AFIs) is a follows.—

Year	Assistance made to textile industry (Rs. crore) by AFIs
1998-1999	5020.9
1999-2000	3957.4
2000-2001	3860.9

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